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## JON'S CORNER

**1. In what Iowa city and in what years was the Maytag automobile produced?**

**2. What year was the Moto Meter first available for automobiles as an accessory?**

**3. In what city and what year was the Maxim Electric produced?**

## President's Message

Hi Again To All Ole Car Folks In the CR Area! Well, We had another Great Meeting in April – Thanks Again to All the Help From So Many Of You Folks!!

I am enjoying getting to know You All Better & I'm Sure you Will Get Tired Of Me Before I Do Of You! It is really fun filling you in on some of My Old Car Adventures & Vehicles. For this month I would like to tell you about the first almost complete T I was able to purchase. All through school my classmates & friends knew of my passion for Model T's so they constantly brought me leads & stories! I remember one of my classmates told me about her grandfathers T that was behind their barn. When I took a look all we could find was some rusty tin & part of a side light – not enough for even me to get fired up about!

One day one of my classmates told me that his cousin in Newton was looking to sell his T because he needed money for college. Off Dad & I went on another Adventure! When we got there we found a very bedraggled T touring that had already lived an interesting life. My new friend had discovered it on a family vacation on a farm in Mo. It had been made into a pickup in the late 30's when the family tired of using it for reg transport. As such it was used on the farm into the 50's when it had engine problems. When found it still had a wood box no upholstery & did not run. I think the farmer was glad to find a crazy kid who was interested in it. After he got it back to Iowa he took out the '26 engine & put in a runnable '25 out of his sedan that had been used as a taxi into the 40's – after all a convertible is always better than a closed car? The next year on vacation he paid the farmer a visit to tell him about the progress. The surprised farmer than said “Well I Suppose You Would want the REST Of the Car”? The back ½ of the body & the doors were still laying on the hill where they were discarded so many years before! Back in Iowa the rear body was welded back on & the adventure started for Him! The car was so shabby that he & his friends took pleasure painting sayings all over the body (I think to impress the local Girls)! I was able to use some of my college money earned mostly from making hay at home & for the neighbors. I think she cost \$150 & came with many spare parts? Getting it home was a real challenge as we did not have a car trailer nor did anyone else I knew. We did have our '47 Chevrolet hog hauling truck that Dad backed in to a ditch so we could load it for the trip back to Fairfax. What a Great Fun car that was used on many neat adventures that I will be glad to relate later! I might add that I think we received more trophies & awards with that old T than any other Car. Some of you might remember the Farmer Clampet T from the Ely 4th of July parades years ago? She Needs to Rise Again for some more adventures!

Thanks – Your President John L Williams

## **Club Member Spotlight on Shareen Melvin**

**Q: How old were you when you got your first car and what was it?**

**A: I was 18 & it was a 1960 Chevy Bel Air**

**Q: What cars do you own?**

**A: 1950 Pontiac**

**Q: Which is your favorite car?**

**A: 1955 Corvette**

**Q: How & where did you get your car-is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?**

**A: A former car club member had passed and his family had it for sale**

**Q: What kind of condition was it in-did you have to do much work on it?**

**A: Very good-didn't have to do any work on it**



## Spotlight on Shareen Melvin

**Q: What has been the most memorable/interesting thing or trip you've gone on with an antique car?**

**A: I first drove it to a Model A picnic in Iowa City. The first AACA trip was with Neil last year**

**Q: Have you entered your car in any shows & if so, did you win any awards/trophies?**

**A: No**

**Q: How long have you been an AACA member?**

**A: 10 years**

**Q: What do you like best about being a member of the AACA?**

**A: Going on the trips & getting together with the club members**

**Q: Other than AACA have you joined any other car clubs & if so, which ones?**

**A: Model A Club**

**Q: What other collections/hobbies do you have besides antique cars?**

**A: I love going to flea markets**



## **April 13, 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING**

The April meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha. Meeting was called to order by John Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**VISITORS:** Richard Bice, Bruce Platteter, Ed Logan, Dale Lynch, Dean Oaks. Some were past members of our club.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Judy Ortiz, Al Meeker, Marlene Meeker, Larry Yoder, Loren Huffaker

**SPEAKER:** Kelsey Worcester, an arborist, spoke to us about the trees that were destroyed and damaged by the Derecho. She showed us how to recognize weak spots and how to avoid them. We were told how to treat the cuts that are made from trimming. Trees seal not heal an injury-it will grow closed. You should only prune Oak trees in the winter such as, January or February, not during their growing season. She also told us how to plant new trees the right depth, size of hole, and how to mulch properly. She gave us ideas of the kind of trees that are stronger and ones that can be placed better in some spots than others. She told how to water new trees and how much to use. She gave us lots of great information.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the March 9th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Dan Ortiz and 2nd by Harry Hawley.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion to approve was made by Judy Ortiz and 2nd by Shareen Melvin.

**SPRING BANQUET:** Neil Rohlena reported that he has 24 signed up for the banquet at the Ronnenburg

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Neil reported on his May 8th tour and reported on several things we will see...It sounds great.

**FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS:** No one reported any deaths. Sylvia Cople reported that Daryl had infection on his arm that needed to be operated on and he had to stay in the hospital 5 days. Sharon Schminke reported that Neil Rohlena went in to have stints put in and his heart stopped twice-he was at the meeting and doing alright now.

**WEBMASTER:** Sylvia Cople reported that there is nothing new

**SWAP MEET:** John Williams reported it will be on Oct. 2nd at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Central City.

**MARKETING CHAIRMAN:** Tom Oliver showed us the new form and asked for ideas for distributing.

Please have your articles for the Moto Meter to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th of the month.

## **April 13, 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING (Cont)**

**NEW BUSINESS:** We were asked to make suggestions for using the funds from the Teddy Bear Auction. Jon Reynolds made a motion to donate to the Critter Crusaders and seconded by Dean Kiefer & accepted.

**BUY SELL & TRADE:** Was conducted by John Williams.

The Teddy Bear Auction was conducted by Carl Ohrt with President John Williams assisting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Harry Hawley and 2nd by Sue Melvin.

Treats were served by Dean & Joann Kiefer.

Submitted by Sharon Schminke, Secretary



### **Twin Rivers Tour June 26-29.**

We are going to base out of Oskaloosa. Here are some things we are going to see:

Victor Car Show - recycled and welded art - Golf Cart Street Rods - Nelsons Pioneer Farm - Cheese Factory - Winery - Many Antique Vehicles - Musco Lighting - Beautiful Victorian Home - Antiques - 150 or so antique vehicle graveyard.

**Lodging:** Ever Spring Inn & Suites in Oskaloosa. 641-676-6000. We have 10 rooms locked in under Antique Car Club or Sharon Schminke. The price is \$74.00 plus taxes.

There is also a McNeill Stone Mansion Bed & Breakfast if you would like to stay there but we did not lock in any rooms. They have 5 rooms available at this time. 641-673-4348.



## TREAT SCHEDULE 2021

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Tom and Jackie Oliver**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>- Jane and Harry Hawley**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> -**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> - Dan and Judy Ortiz, Neil Rohlena**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>- Jeff Fossum**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>- Ken and Judy Robertson/Joan Auterman**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> -**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> - Pete and Pat Bischoff**

### **May 8<sup>th</sup> Tour:**

**We will leave West side Walmart at 8:00AM. We will tour Safe Haven animal shelter, Moore Barn Museum, West Amana church and art museum, and George Preston's Lincoln Highway gas station and much more. Neil**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LAWN PARTY**

**AUGUST 7, 2021**

**TIME: MEET AT 3 PM AND EAT AT 4 PM**

**PLACE: NEIL ROHLENA'S HOME 7309 SELZER RD, FAIRFAX**

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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021

**May 2 Monticello Swap Meet at Fairgrounds**  
**May 7-8 Des Moines Swap Meet at Fairgrounds**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup> Cruis In for Camp Courageous**  
**May 20-25 - Founders Tour. Davis W.V.**  
**June 19 - Alburnett Car Show June 7 am to 2 pm.**  
**June 18-20 - Back to the 50s St Paul, MN.**  
**July 1-3 - Central Spring Meet. Auburn, IN**  
**July 2-4 - Goodguys 30<sup>th</sup> Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals at Iowa State Fairgrounds**  
**July 4 - 8 AM to noon. Freedom Festival Car Show. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bridge. Cedar Rapids.**  
**July 8-10 - IOLA Swap Meet. Iola, WI**  
**July 11-16 - Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) Lock Haven/Wellsboro, Pa.**  
**July 22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals. New Ulm, Minnesota**  
**July 25 Bishop Hill, Ill Car Show**

### Upcoming Events May 2021

**May 8<sup>th</sup> Tour from Amanas to Belle Plaine with Neil Rohlena.**  
**AACA Club meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Shriners Lodge. Program: "Past Twin Rivers Tours."**  
**Board meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Scotts.**  
**Ladies Luncheon May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Prairieburg Cafe. Meet at Sylvia's home 11:00.**  
**Spring Banquet May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM Social hour, 7:00 PM Dinner at Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana. Non member guests are welcome to come.**

### Upcoming Events June 2021

**AACA Club meeting June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Program: TBD**  
**Board meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Scott's Restaurant.**  
**Ladies Luncheon June 16<sup>th</sup> at Betty's Breadbasket in Manchester. We will meet and tour there together.**  
**Twin Rivers Tour June 26-29<sup>th</sup> with Sharon Schminke.**

### Upcoming Event July 2021

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic. Ely. More info to come.**  
**AACA Club meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Program TBD**  
**Board meeting July 20 6pm at Scott's Restaurant**  
**Ladies Luncheon July 21 Big Grove Brewery in Solon. 11:30 AM**

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### Joke of the Month:

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between Grandmothers & Grandfathers? Well here it is:

There was this loving grandfather who always made a special effort to spend time with his son's family on weekends. Every Saturday morning he would take his seven year old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some quality time-just him & his granddaughter.

One particular Saturday however he had a bad cold and really didn't feel like being up at all. He knew his granddaughter always looked forward to their drives and would be disappointed. Luckily his wife came to the rescue and said she would take their granddaughter for the drive.

When they returned the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see her grandfather who was still in bed. "Well did you enjoy your ride with grandma?" he asked. "Oh yes Pop Pop, it was really wonderful. We didn't see a single asshole, blind bastard, dipshit, or son of a bitch anywhere we went!"

### JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. The Maytag was produced in Waterloo, Iowa 1910-1915
2. The patent was applied for in 1913 and the Moto Meter was first produced in 1914
3. The Max Electric was produced in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (one example remains)

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